



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Slavery and involuntary servitude. Provides that there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude within Indiana. Provides that the Constitution of the State of Indiana does not prohibit the use of correctional practices: (1) for the reformation of individuals who have been duly convicted of crimes; and (2) that are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Indiana and the Constitution of the United States that prohibit cruel and unusual punishments.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
3 Nineteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred
4 to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 1, SECTION 37 OF THE CONSTITUTION
6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS: Section 37. There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary
8 servitude within the State, ~~otherwise than for the punishment of crimes,~~
9 ~~whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.~~ **Indiana.**
10 SECTION 3. ARTICLE 1, SECTION 18 OF THE CONSTITUTION
11 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS: Section 18. **(a)** The penal code shall be founded on the



1 principles of reformation, and not of vindictive justice.

2 **(b) This Constitution does not prohibit the use of correctional**
3 **practices:**

4 **(1) for the reformation of individuals who have been duly**
5 **convicted of crimes; and**

6 **(2) that are consistent with Article 1, Section 16 of this**
7 **Constitution and the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution**
8 **of the United States.**

